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SUBJ: R/V ALPHA HELIX MARINE BIOLOGY EXPEDITION

REF: JAKARTA 2449 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. HARRIS DISCUSSED STATUS OF EXPEDITION WITH HAINALD OF LIPI MARCH 5.
- 2. \$300 PROFESSOR CASE SENT LOCATED AT CHASE MANHATTAN BANK HAS NOW BEEN TURNED OVER TO HAINALD TO PAY IMMIGRATION DIRECTORATE GENERAL CHARGES FOR TELEGRAPHING VISA APPROVALS AND FOR LIPI AND POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES.
- 3. HAINALD STATES FOLLOWING MEMBERS NOT YET GIVEN APPROVAL BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FOR RESEARCH VISAS: ROBINSON, FORHAN, SWEENEY, MEYER-ROCHOW, CHILDRESS, PETER ANDERSON, WEBBER, MACURDA, ELDER, HASTINGS, FERNANDEZ AND JOSEPHSON. OF THESE THE PAPERS OF FORHAN, PETER ANDERSON, WEBBER, AND ELDER ARE STILL BEING PROCESSED BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES. WE COULD GET NO CLEAR IDEA HOW LONG THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE BUT HOPE IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN A WEEK FOR THOSE WHOSE SECURITY CLEARANCES HAVE NOT YET BEEN GRANTED. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES TO COMPLETE ACTION ON THE OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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8 SOONER. THE REMAINING 19 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY

IMMIGRATION AND, HOPEFULLY, IMMIGRATION WILL TELEGRAPH THE APPROVAL AS SOON AS THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM HAINALD.

- 4. WE REALIZE THAT THE INFORMATION IN PARA 3 ABOVE IS SLIGHTLY AT VARIANCE WITH INFORMATION GIVEN IN JAKARTA'S 2413. HOWEVER WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT IT REPRESENTS THE CURRENT STATUS.
- 5. HAINALD ADVISES THAT PROFESSOR CASE WILL HAVE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS IN JAKARTA FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EXPEDITION AND THAT HE WILL HAVE TO CALL ON POLICE IN JAKARTA FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL WITHIN INDONESIA FOR HIMSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION. IN CONNECTION WITH POLICE PERMISSION FOR TRAVEL WITHIN INDONESIA, HAINALD HAS REQUESTED THAT PROFESSOR CASE FORWARD SOONEST FOR EACH EXPEDITION MEMBER A PHOTOCOPY OF THE INDONESIAN VISA HE HAS RECEIVED, 3 PASSPORT SIZED PHOTOGRAPHS, AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE PAGE, OR PAGES, OF EACH MEMBER'S PASSPORT CONTAINING HIS PHOTOGRAPH AND THE PERTINENT IDENTIFYING DATA SUCH AS PLACE AND DATE OF PASSPORT ISSUANCE, NAME, BIRTH DATE AND PLACE OF HOLDER, ETC. INSOFAR AS THIS CAN BE FORWARDED IN ADVANCE OF PROFESSOR CASE'S ARRIVAL IT WILL EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR TRAVEL WITHIN INDONESIA. THOSE WHICH PROFESSOR CASE CANNOT SEND IN ADVANCE HE SHOULD BRING WITH HIM OR ARRANGE TO HAVE SENT TO HIM AFTER HIS ARRIVAL HERE. HAINALD STATES THAT POLICE AND DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR VISITS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ONE DAY. WE WOULD ALLOW MORE. PROFESSOR CASE SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND MOST INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSE SHORTLY AFTER 11:00 A.M. FRIDAYS AND ARE OPEN FOR A FEW HOURS SATURDAY MORNINGS.
- 5. CLEARANCE FOR R/V ALPHA HELIX HAS PROGRESSED THROUGH 3 OR 4 GOI OFFICES, INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND BEEN APPROVED BY THEM. WE ARE NEARLY CERTAIN WHEN IT GETS TO CERTAIN POINT IN HANKAM (MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY) IT WILL BE RETURNED TO EMBASSY WITH THE REQUEST FOR THE ITINERARY OF SHIP UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM THE TIME IT ENTERS INDONESIAN WATERS UNTIL IT LEAVES THEM. (SEE ALSO REFTEL.) WE SUGGEST THIS BE SENT US URGENTLY.

6. EMBASSY CANBERRA PLEASE CONTACT PROFESSORS BALL AND HORRIDGE AND UPDATE THEM ON STATUS OF EXPEDITION PROCESSING IN INDONESIA. PROFESSOR BALL HAS TELEPHONED TWICE FROM CANBERRA AND DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AWARE THAT EMBASSY

CANBERRA HAS BEEN MADE INFO FOR ALL JAKARTA AND
DEPARTMENT TELEGRAMS ON THIS SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL IF PROFESSORS BALL AND HORRIDGE COULD READ THE
TELEGRAM FILE.
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